

Simmons, Perrine, Albright & Ellwood, P.L.C.

Attorneys and Counselors

115 Third Street SE, Suite 1200
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401-1266
Telephone: (319) 366-7641
Fax: (319) 366-1917

Writer's Voice Mail Ext.: 222

E-Mail Address: mwillia@simmonsperrine.com

FAX RECEIVED

NOV 27 2001

Group 3700

Darrel A. Morf
James E. Shipman
Stephen J. Holtman
Iris E. Muchmore
Gregory M. Lederer
James A. Gerk
Roger W. Stone
David A. Hacker
David W. Kubicek
Matthew J. Petrzela
Matthew J. Brandes
James M. Peters
Leonard T. Strand
Mark H. Ogden
Webb L. Wassmer

Mark A. Roberts
Chad M. VonKampen
Gregory G. Williams
Nicolas Abou-Assaly
Allison M. Heffern
Lynn W. Hartman
Kathleen A. Kleiman
Phillip A. Baxian
Michael F. Williams
Paul P. Morf
Christine L. Conover
Elizabeth V. Croco
Matt M. Dummermuth
Todd A. Slaughter
Patsy A. Thimmig
Richard G. Hileman,
Counsel

Haven V. Simmons (1888-1975)
Beahm T. Perrine (1902-1989)
William P. Ellwood (1909-1998)

REGISTERED PATENT
ATTORNEYS
Gregory G. Williams
Michael F. Williams

OF COUNSEL
James R. Snyder
Robert M. Jilek

RETIRED
Justin W. Albright
John R. Carpenter

FACSIMILE INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: November 21, 2001

TIME: 4:21pm CST

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: The information contained in this facsimile message and the documents accompanying this facsimile message are attorney privileged and confidential information intended for the use of the individual or entity named below. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by telephone, and return the original message to us at the above address via the U.S. Postal Service. We will guarantee postage.

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE FOR
NAME OF EXAMINER:
GROUP ART UNIT:
NAME OF AGENCY:
FACSIMILE (FAX) NO.
TELEPHONE NO.

Khoa D. Huynh
3751
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
703-872-9302
703-306-5483

FAX RECEIVED

NOV 23 2001

GROUP 3700

TRANSMITTING PARTY:
FIRM:

Mr. Mike Williams
Simmons, Perrine, Albright & Ellwood, P.L.C.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES
(including this cover sheet):

22 Pages

IF PROBLEMS WITH
TRANSMITTAL CONTACT:

Mike Williams (319-223-5416) NOV

FAX RECEIVED

RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/681,065, Preliminary Amendment and Fee Transmittal Form

These pages are being transmitted to Examiner Khoa Huynh.

Thank you.

(A signed Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 is included on the last page of this transmission.)

Nov 21 01 04:21p

Michael F Williams

3192235416

S. Little
11-29-01
P.3

PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 99R1360

#6/
Election
w/R
&
Ex. (mo)

**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the patent application identified as follows:

Applicant: Martin C. Robinson
Application No.: 09/681,065
Confirmation No.: 9483
Filing Date: December 15, 2000
Title: SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
MARKING AND TRACKING BULK FLOWABLE
MATERIAL
Group Art Unit: 3751
Examiner: Khoa D. Huynh

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant hereby submits the following amended and new claims prior to examination on the merits.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, consisting of nineteen (19) pages, is being transmitted via facsimile transmission to 703-872-9302, Art Unit 3751, Examiner Khoa D. Huynh, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C.

Michael F. Williams
Michael F. Williams, Reg. No. 39,875

11/30/2001 SLITTLE 00000001 192235416 Date: November 21, 2001

01 FC:215 55:00 CH

11/30/2001 SLITTLE 00000002 192235416 441:00 CH 01 FC:203